

joined Brownsville Community Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful member. She was a very spiritual person who routinely began her day with meditation and spiritual readings. Michele's family and friends were an extremely important element in her life. Her home was a gathering place for festive family occasions. She took great pleasure in preparing gourmet meals and sharing the serenity and peaceful comforts of her home. Her jovial, playful, and light-hearted nature readily endeared most any "strangers" to her. She was a "communicator" in the truest sense.

Michele was an avid reader, a gourmet cook, an interior decorator and a thrifty shopper. She was rarely seen at work or around the house without her "book of the week," nearby. She became well-known by her JFK co-workers, family and friends for her famous, "Michele's Fried Chicken." Every aspect of her life was orderly; and her attire was always impeccable. She took little to nothing for granted.

Michele was called home while in the line of duty on Monday, November 12, 2001. Her memories will be cherished by her parents, Priscilla and Eugene Mills; her siblings, Tricia and Kenneth Mills; her fiancée, Henry Ray; two uncles: Bob Mills of Edison, New Jersey and Freddie Holmes of Columbia, South Carolina; five aunts, Albertha Bell of Brooklyn, New York, Dezel Mallory of North Carolina, Doris Mills of Edison, New Jersey, Lysine Holmes of South Carolina, Irene Holmes of Brooklyn, New York, a great aunt, Lucille Wilkins of Brooklyn, New York, one god-daughter, Stephanie Holmes of Brooklyn, and a host of cousins and friends throughout the United States.

Thousands of passengers and friends who knew Michele Mills will never forget her. In her special way, she was a Great American Point-of-Light.

TRIBUTE TO FRED M. SAIGH IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY
YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an institution in Iron County Michigan politics. I rise to honor Fred M. Saigh for his many years of public service to the people of Iron County.

Born on August 21, 1920, Fred M. Saigh graduated from Iron River High School in 1938 before earning degrees at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Following his service in the United States Navy during World War II, Fred entered into his family's restaurant business in 1946. In 1954 he entered the insurance business as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company.

In 1957 he began a lengthy business relationship with First National Underwriters, first as an agent, then vice-president in 1964, and later chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer. He has also served as a director of the Iron River National Bank and the Michigan Financial Corporation.

Fred M. Saigh began his political career in 1957 with his election as an Iron River City Commissioner. He served on the Iron River City Commission until 1968, including four terms as the mayor of Iron River.

During Fred's years of service on the Iron River City Commission the board reorganized the city's financial structure and developed an industrial park.

In 1965 Fred began a thirty-five year involvement with the Iron County Board of Commissioners, including nineteen years as chairman. Currently the vice chairman, he has been a member of the Iron County Board of Commissioners almost continuously except for a two year absence in the early 1980's.

While on the Iron County Board of Commissioners the county developed: a tax equalization office, the Iron County Ambulance Service, the Iron County Economic Development Corporation, the Iron County General Hospital, the Iron County Medical Care Facility, and constructed a new grandstand at the Iron County Fairgrounds, among many other projects to better the lives of Iron County residents.

Fred has served as a member of many public boards and commissions including but not limited to: the Western Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium, the Dickinson-Iron Mental Health Board, the Dickinson-Iron Community Services Agency, the Iron County Economic Development Corporation.

In addition to his political activities Fred has found time for membership in the Iron County Kiwanis Club, the Iron River Country Club, the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and many other organizations.

Fred and his wife, Lorraine, have raised six children: Terry, Barbara, F. Michael, Frederick III, Peter, and Mark. Lorraine has also dedicated her life to public service as an educator and school administrator in the West Iron County School District in Iron County.

Mr. Speaker, Fred has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a public servant and his public spiritedness is an inspiration to citizens and elected officials alike. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting a personal friend of mine and a true friend of the people of Iron County, Fred M. Saigh, in recognition of his thirty five years as a member of the Iron County Michigan Board of Commissioners and his eleven years on the Iron River City Commission.

TRIBUTE TO PATROL OFFICER
KEVIN DELANEY

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrol Officer Kevin Delaney of the Wilmington City Police Department for his deserving efforts in retaining a canine unit for the community.

Since March 3rd, 1990, Officer Kevin Delaney has served his community over and beyond the call of duty. Officer Delaney has received the Distinguished Service Award, an Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Award, and a Felony Arrest Award. Officer Delaney continues to keep our district safe through his many live safe efforts, and specializations as an evidence technician and truck enforcement officer.

Officer Kevin Delaney shows his concern throughout the community as he speaks to

local schools about the dangers of gangs, drugs, drinking and driving, and speeding. His involvement in the Will County Gang Suppression Unit has initialized the drug enforcement issue in Wilmington, resulting in his determination to acquire a canine unit.

Officer Kevin Delaney will be the officer in charge of the canine unit and take full responsibility in carrying out the duties expected of him. Officer Delaney represents one of the finest in the Wilmington City Police Department and will use his full potential to preserve the safety of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION BILL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in strong support of S. 1210, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 that also includes various amendments to the Act. The NAHASDA, enacted in 1996, was the first piece of comprehensive housing legislation directed solely to Native American and Alaska Native people. It has become the basic program aiding Native Americans in tribal areas with affordable housing development including homeownership, rehabilitation, infrastructure development and other affordable housing assistance. As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1873, the companion bill to S. 1210, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the passage of S. 1210 today.

There are many reasons that I support the reauthorization of NAHASDA, an Act that has created incredible opportunities for tribes to meet the housing needs of their members.

The success of NAHASDA is clear. In the five years since NAHASDA's enactment, over twenty-five thousand housing units have been constructed or are in development. This is nearly three times the rate of production before NAHASDA. With severely overcrowded conditions in more than thirty percent of homes in tribal areas, and more than forty percent of homes with serious physical deficiencies, the need has been demonstrated and is now slowly being met.

While development under NAHASDA is encouraging, it is estimated that there is still an immediate need for 200,000 housing units, a need that continues to grow for one of the fastest-growing population groups in the country. The poverty rate for rural Native Americans remains at nearly forty percent, a rate that is higher than other racial and ethnic groups of the United States, so the need for programs such as NAHASDA continues to be strong.

For all its attributes, one of the most important benefits of NAHASDA is that it promotes tribal self-determination. Under the Act, the focus is on the tribal government rather than a separate housing entity. Tribes are given more autonomy in administering their funds